

Community Programs Office

OVERVIEW



"We appreciate the vital support that the Lab contributes to the community."

—Regional
Community Leader

Los Alamos National Laboratory's Community Programs Office (CPO) manages a \$3 million per year investment to address community needs. This funding is part of Los Alamos National Security, LLC's (the Lab's manager) seven-year Community Commitment Plan for regional education, economic development, and community giving.

To carry out this work, CPO partners with the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation for education, the Regional Development Corporation for economic development, and the regional United Way organizations for community giving.



Soaring rockets and happy kids at the Bradbury Science Museum's Summer Adventures in Science Rocket Camp.

Education

Los Alamos National Security (LANS) invests more than \$1 million each year to enhance regional educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

Education Focus Areas

Our education commitments address four focus areas:

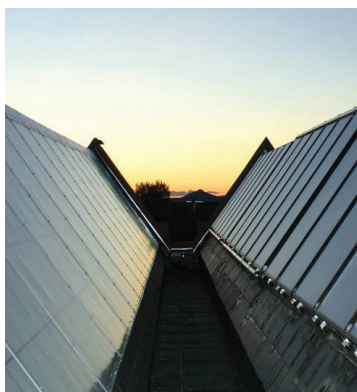
- **Workforce Development**
- **Student Internships**
- **Teacher and Faculty Professional Development**
- **Public Understanding of Science**

As a result of these efforts, in 2010 more than 1,100 students interned at the Lab, our employees gave more than 3,000 hours to advance more than 80 local science and technology programs and helped award more than \$400,000 in scholarships to Northern New Mexico students.

The Bradbury Science Museum provides a window into the Lab and last year hosted more than 82,000 people and visited more than 2,200 students at their schools.

Economic Development

Economic development plays a significant role in strengthening communities. We partner with industry, government, universities, and local economic development and business organizations to manage a \$1 million annual investment to promote a strong, vibrant, local community.



In 2009, ThermaSun received a LANS VAF award for product validation, manufacturing process, product certification, business development, and market analysis for ThermaSave, a durable heat conversion device which can be connected to existing home heating and cooling systems.

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Economic Development Focus Areas

- Economic and Business Development Partnerships
- Northern New Mexico Connect (NNM Connect)
 - LANS Venture Acceleration Fund (VAF)
 - Market Intelligence
 - Springboard
 - Entrepreneurial Networking
 - Networking and Education
- New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program (NMSBA)
- Subcontractor Regional and Community Development Plans
- Major Subcontractor Consortium

These efforts have generated a \$12.5 million return in the regional economy on a \$4 million LANS investment and helped create 97 high-paying jobs. Through the NMSBA's work, we have helped produce or maintain more than 1,500 additional jobs with an average salary of nearly \$39,000 per year.

Employee Giving

Laboratory employees and retirees are committed to giving back to our Northern New Mexico neighbors. An annual \$1 million LANS investment provides matching contributions for the yearly Employee Giving Campaign and helps support a variety of collection

drives that provide opportunities for employees to make gifts of their time, talent, and money. These efforts help everyone from regional students who aspire to college degrees to children in need of new shoes to begin the school year.

Annual Employee Giving Campaigns

- LANL Employee Giving Campaign collected a record \$2.5 million in pledges in 2010
- Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund raised more than \$500,000 last year

Employee Giving Drives

- LANL Laces
- School Supply Drive/Backpack Challenge
- Take a Turkey to Work Day/Feed the 500
- Holiday Gift Drive
- Wreaths Across America

LANL Volunteer Program

Employees and retirees have logged more than 550,000 hours with our on-line VolunteerMatch program since 2006.

To learn more about these and other ongoing CPO efforts to enhance the region, subscribe to the monthly *Connections* newsletter by sending an e-mail to connections@lanl.gov.



The United Way of Northern New Mexico executive director and a LANL employee measure progress of the annual Employee Giving Campaign.